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H. R. 4931

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To provide for the training or orientation of individuals, during a Presidential transition, who the President intends to appoint to certain key positions, to provide for a study and report on improving the financial disclosure process for certain Presidential nominees, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Presidential Transition
5 Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION ACT**
7 **OF 1963.**

8 Section 3(a) of the Presidential Transition Act of
9 1963 (3 U.S.C. 102 note) is amended—

10 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by
11 striking “including—” and inserting “including the
12 following:”;

13 (2) in each of paragraphs (1) through (6) by
14 striking the semicolon at the end and inserting a pe-
15 riod; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(8)(A)(i) Not withstanding subsection (b),
18 payment of expenses during the transition for brief-
19 ings, workshops, or other activities to acquaint key
20 prospective Presidential appointees with the types of
21 problems and challenges that most typically confront
22 new political appointees when they make the transi-
23 tion from campaign and other prior activities to as-
24 suming the responsibility for governance after inau-
25 guration.

1 “(ii) Activities under this paragraph may in-
2 clude interchange between such appointees and indi-
3 viduals who—

4 “(I) held similar leadership roles in prior
5 administrations;

6 “(II) are department or agency experts
7 from the Office of Management and Budget or
8 an Office of Inspector General of a department
9 or agency; or

10 “(III) are relevant staff from the General
11 Accounting Office.

12 “(iii) Activities under this paragraph may in-
13 clude training or orientation in records management
14 to comply with section 2203 of title 44, United
15 States Code, including training on the separation of
16 Presidential records and personal records to comply
17 with subsection (b) of that section.

18 “(iv) Activities under this paragraph may in-
19 clude training or orientation in human resources
20 management and performance-based management.

21 “(B) Activities under this paragraph shall be
22 conducted primarily for individuals the President-
23 elect intends to nominate as department heads or
24 appoint to key positions in the Executive Office of
25 the President.

1 “(9)(A) Notwithstanding subsection (b), devel-
2 opment of a transition directory by the Adminis-
3 trator of General Services Administration, in con-
4 sultation with the Archivist of the United States
5 (head of the National Archives and Records Admin-
6 istration) for activities conducted under paragraph
7 (8).

8 “(B) The transition directory shall be a com-
9 pilation of Federal publications and materials with
10 supplementary materials developed by the Adminis-
11 trator that provides information on the officers, or-
12 ganization, and statutory and administrative au-
13 thorities, functions, duties, responsibilities, and mis-
14 sion of each department and agency.

15 “(10)(A) Notwithstanding subsection (b), con-
16 sultation by the Administrator with any candidate
17 for President or Vice President to develop a systems
18 architecture plan for the computer and communica-
19 tions systems of the candidate to coordinate a tran-
20 sition to Federal systems, if the candidate is elected.

21 “(B) Consultations under this paragraph shall
22 be conducted at the discretion of the Adminis-
23 trator.”.

1 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON IMPROVING THE FINANCIAL DISCLO-**
2 **SURE PROCESS FOR PRESIDENTIAL NOMI-**
3 **NEES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Office of Govern-
6 ment Ethics shall conduct a study and submit a report
7 on improvements to the financial disclosure process for
8 Presidential nominees required to file reports under sec-
9 tion 101(b) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5
10 U.S.C. App.) to the Committee on Governmental Affairs
11 of the Senate and the Committee on Government Reform
12 of the House of Representatives.

13 (b) CONTENT OF REPORT.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The report under this sec-
15 tion shall include recommendations and legislative
16 proposals on—

17 (A) streamlining, standardizing, and co-
18 ordinating the financial disclosure process and
19 the requirements of financial disclosure reports
20 under the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5
21 U.S.C. App.) for Presidential nominees;

22 (B) avoiding duplication of effort and re-
23 ducing the burden of filing with respect to fi-
24 nancial disclosure of information to the White
25 House Office, the Office of Government Ethics,
26 and the Senate; and

1 (C) any other relevant matter the Office of
2 Government Ethics determines appropriate.

3 (2) LIMITATION RELATING TO CONFLICTS OF
4 INTEREST.—The recommendations and proposals
5 under this subsection shall not (if implemented)
6 have the effect of lessening substantive compliance
7 with any conflict of interest requirement.

8 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
9 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
10 necessary to carry out this section.

Passed the House of Representatives September 13,
2000.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk.

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